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Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTO-1449 as well as
copies of the cited documents which relate to the above-referenced
patent application. Since this document submittal is being
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due herewith.

US Patent No. 5,087,244 to Wolinsky et al. discloses a
catheter and method for locally applying medication to the wall of
a blood vessel or other body lumen.

US Patent No. 5,336,178 to Kaplan et al. discloses an
intravascular catheter with infusion array.

US Patent No. 5,536,250 to Klein et al. discloses a perfusion
shunt device and method.

US Patent No. 5,599,306 to Klein et al. discloses a method
and apparatus for providing external perfusion lumens on balloon
catheters.

US Patent No. 5,611,775 to Machold et al. discloses a method of delivery therapeutic or diagnostic liquid into tissue surrounding a body lumen.

US Patent No. 5,637,086 to Ferguson et al. discloses a method of delivering a therapeutic agent or diagnostic device using a micro occlusion balloon catheter.

US Patent No. 5,676,962 to Cabrera Garrido et al. discloses an injectable microfoam containing a sclerosing agent.

US Patent No. 5,695,495 to Ellman et al. discloses electrosurgical electrode for sclerotherapy.

US Patent No. 5,713,863 to Vigil et al. discloses a catheter with fluid medication injectors.

US Patent No. 5,902,266 to Leone et al. discloses a method for delivering a liquid solution to the interior wall surface of a vessel.

US Patent No. 5,921,954 to Mohr, Jr. et al. discloses treating aneurysms by applying hardening/softening agents to hardenable/softenable substances.

US Patent No. 6,063,069 to Cragg et al. discloses a method and apparatus for power lysis of a thrombus.

US Patent No. 6,071,277 to Farley et al. discloses a method and apparatus for reducing the size of a hollow anatomical structure.

US Patent No. 6,096,021 to Helm et al. discloses a flow arrest, double balloon techniques for occluding aneurysms or blood vessels.

US Patent No. 6,012,904 to Vigil et al. discloses a device for injecting fluid into a wall of a blood vessel.

US Patent No. 6,033,398 to Farley et al. discloses a method and apparatus for treating venous insufficiency using directionally applied energy.

US Patent 6,036,687 to Laufer et al. discloses a method and apparatus for treating venous insufficiency.

Article entitled "Varicose Veins and Intracutaneous Telangiectasia: Combined treatment in 1,500 cases" by Banning G. Lary, in Southern Medical Journal, Vol. 80, September 1987, No. 9, pages 1105-1110.

Downloaded from Internet, information on RITA -radiofrequency
Institial Tissue Ablation (medical devices for minimally invasive
surgery), 1 page, at www.ritamedical.com/products.html.

Downloaded from the Internet, press releases for Varisolve,
the new microfoam treatment for varicose veins, 13 pages, @
www.btgplc.com/news.

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